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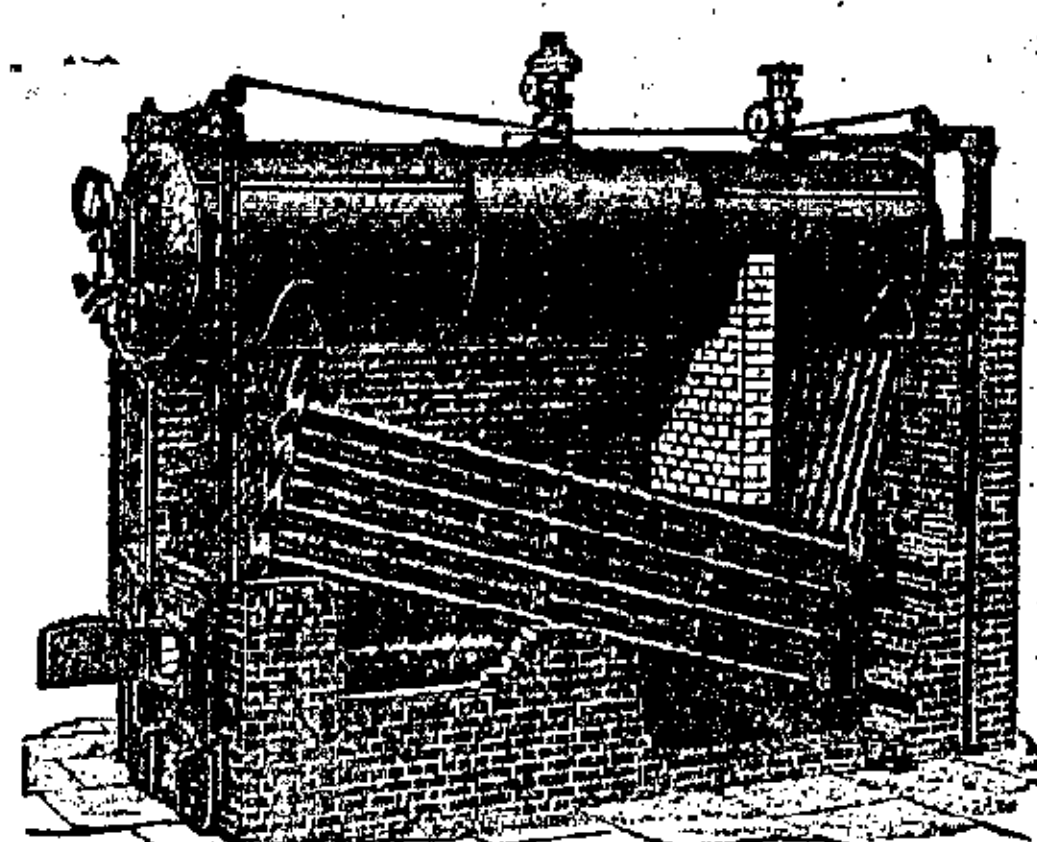
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixty-Seventh Ordinary Half-Yearly
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
in the Company will be held at the Office
of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY,
the 1st February, 8 p.m., for the pur-
pose of receiving a Report of the Directors,
together with a Statement of Accounts,
declaring a Dividend and electing Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 19th January
to the 1st February, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 16, 1900.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILD- ING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
Eleventh Ordinary MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will
be held at the Company's Office, Victoria
Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 28th February,
1900, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors, together with
Statement of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1899.

THE REGISTER OF SHARE'S of the Company will be CLOSED from SATUR- DAY, the 27th January, to TUESDAY, the 6th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land
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Agents for the Kowloon
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Hongkong, January 16, 1900.

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and Mortgage Company will be held at the
Office of the Company, No. 9, Praya Cen-
tral, on TUESDAY, the 23rd of January,
Instant, at Noon, when the subjoined
Resolutions will be proposed:
Should the Resolutions be passed by the
required majority, they will be submitted
for confirmation as Special Resolutions at a
Second Extraordinary General Meeting,
which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTIONS:
'That the Capital of the Company be in-
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paragraph of Article XI. of the
Articles of Association of the Com-
pany be struck out and the figure '5'
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Hongkong, January 16, 1900.

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Notes by the Way.

H. E. the Governor will distribute the prizes at the Queen's College tomorrow, the proceedings commencing at noon.

The two entertainments given by the officers and men of B.M.S. *Montevideo* at Shanghai yielded \$292 for the War Relief Fund.

On Saturday, a road Chinaman working on the hillside above Robinson Road was killed by a large stone falling upon him.

Yesterday evening, a stack of dried twigs and grass near No. 1 Police Station was set ablaze. The Police turned out and the fire was prevented from spreading to the buildings in the vicinity.

The trial trip of the *Sui-tai*, the pioneer river boat of the Rijkers Yangtse Navigation Co., took place at Shanghai on the 16th inst. Her furnaces are designed for the consumption of either coal or oil. The trip was successful. Messrs S. C. Farnham and Co. were the builders.

Hockey.

There will be a match at the Wong-ni-chung Recreation Ground, tomorrow, between the Royal Navy and Hongkong Hockey Club, at 4.30 p.m. The following is the club team—E. Robinson, Loring, F. H. Yeats, H. W. Shale, Bowley, Bruton, Bulman-Thorpe, Wilkison, Morrell, Hooper, and A. C. J. Stevens.

Football.

On Saturday, in the second round of the Hongkong Football Shield competition, the 25th Company, E.D. R.A., met B. Company of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on the Hongkong Football Club's ground. A very one-sided game ended in a win for the Fusiliers by 8 goals to 1. The Hongkong Engineers F. C. again met the Royal Engineers F. C. in a friendly match, on Saturday, at Causeway Bay. In the first half, the Hongkong Engineers scored 2 goals and in the second period of the game the soldiers showed up and scored 1 goal. No further scoring was effected. The back division of the Hongkong Engineers played a good game, but the forwards are still wanting in cohesion and shooting power.

A Significant Order.

The *Mandarin* publishes the following letter, which is now issued as an official order:

Mandarin, P. I., October 1, 1899. To the Adjutant-General, Dept. of the Pacific and 8th Army Corps.

Sir:—Self-inflicted wounds of the hands and occasionally of the feet, claimed to be accidental, usually occurring on outpost, are so frequent that I have the honor to suggest that all such cases be carefully investigated by a Board of Survey similar to that called in case of desertion to determine the circumstances under which they actually occurred and especially in relation to the line of duty. All of these men have become disabled for military duty with usually a minimum amount of maiming for civil occupation, and thus secure discharge. Very respectfully,

A. A. WOODHULL.

Lieut. Col., Deputy Surgeon General, Chief Surgeon.

All cases of this character or cases in which it is believed that wounds have been self-inflicted will hereafter be thoroughly investigated and report made to headquarters.

The Health of the Colony.

A table showing the mortality returns for each month in 1899 is published in the *Gazette*. The death-rate is recorded per 1,000 per annum. The month of June appears to have been the most unhealthy period of the year, the death-rate of the European population for that period being 37.6 and the Chinese community 41.6. The principal cause of death during that month is given as fevers, 329 deaths being recorded in that group. March was the healthiest month for Europeans, a death-rate being recorded of 12.1, but the rate of 17.1 for the Chinese community would seem to indicate that February was the month most favourable to the Chinese. The death rate for April of the European population was 17.4 and the three following months shows an increase in the death-rate mainly attributable to disease under the fever group. In August there was a decrease of deaths from fevers and the death-rate fell to 18.8, but an increase under the headings—chest affections, bowel complaints and other causes, brought up the rate to 24.2 in the following month. Then October and November were comparatively healthy months, showing rates of 13.4 and 14.3 respectively, although the deaths recorded under the groups—chest affections and other causes, show considerable increase. December was a trying month for chest affections and under the heading, other causes, the highest number for the year was reached, and the European death rate had swelled to 26.9.

TO THE PUBLIC.

I want to let the people who suffer from rheumatism and sciatica know that Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieved me after a number of other medicines and a doctor had failed. This balm is the best I have ever known of. A. A. DODD, Alphington, Ga. Thousands have been cured of rheumatism by this remedy. One application relieved the pain. For sale by all Dealers. Watson & Co., General Agents.

Infectious Diseases.

There was one death from plague last week. During the week, 6 cases of enteric fever were reported; 2 cases having been imported from coast ports. One case proved fatal. Two cases of smallpox were reported in the city.

Shanghai French Council.

At the election for the Council for the French Settlement at Shanghai on the 17th inst., Messrs J. C. Bois, S. A. Hardouin, Paul Brunet and J. Chapuis were elected in the order named, Messrs Racine and Tillot being the unsuccessful candidates.

Honour to Bishop Hoare.

The University of Cambridge has conferred upon the Right Reverend the Bishop of Victoria the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The Bishop, who preached in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday evening last, wore the Doctor's scarlet hood with dove-coloured lining.

The Struggle for Existence.

The following letter shows how necessary it is for the public safety to have Tsushima better policed:

Sir:—My house at No. 34 Elgin Road was broken into from the back on the morning of the 18th inst. All the house keys were stolen, besides 52 cents in cash and two flower-pots. It was a well-planned affair, but I happened to wake up in time to prevent any further depredations. One burglar entered from the back, while another hid from the front, for when I awakened and saw one yellow face at the verandah window the other Chinaman was calmly walking through the house searching for booty. As I jumped out of bed to tackle the man in the verandah, I caught a glimpse of the other bolting downstairs with an armful of my clothes. I gave chase promptly. He dropped the clothes in Elgin Road, and ran for all he was worth. I picked up the clothes and returned to the house. This morning, about one o'clock, I was awakened by the noise of some one endeavouring to open the door with the keys stolen in the previous raid. In the meanwhile, I had been wise enough to have the house-door lock changed, so that the old key was practically useless. As I made a rush for the door, I could hear the scuffling of feet downstairs. At present, it would seem these Chinese thieves have the full run of Tsushima; what it will be in the summer time when windows are generally left open, it is easy to conjecture. I merely put the matter before you now in the hope that other residents will take warning, and adopt measures for their own safety during the China New Year season, for it is evident in your struggle for existence here, that we must individually look after the protection of our own property.

Our correspondent has good reason to grumble. We do not know what the police arrangements are nowadays for the public safety, but not so very long ago only two Europeans were on duty in the Kowloon Peninsula—one best ranging from Police Pier to the boundary at Kowloon City, the other from the Pier to Sancheipo. The Lukongs were worse than useless at night time, and the large increase in the population of the Peninsula and of the property to be protected warrants, we venture to think, an increase of Indian and European police, with a more stringent supervision of the Chinese who wander about the roads at night.

The late General Wauchoppe.

The *Canton Observer's* London letter, speaking of Magersfontein, says:—"The Scotch Regiment have suffered terribly in this last engagement, and I hear from Edinburgh that the morning is so wide-spread in the vicinity that there is a general determination to abandon the usual Christmas rejoicing. Poor Mrs. Wauchoppe was driving along Prince's Street when she heard the news-boys shouting out the tidings of her husband's death, that being the first intelligence she had received of her still loss."

The S.S. 'Pingsuey'.

The *New York Journal of Commerce* of Dec. 5 publishes the following paragraph:—"The new steamer *Ping Suey*, which arrived from China yesterday, carried the largest cargo that ever came to an American port on the Atlantic coast from that country. Not only is the *Ping Suey* a large cargo carrier, but she is also fast, coming from the father end of the Suez Canal in twenty-two days. The steamer reached quarantine yesterday morning, and although she bore clean bills of health from all the ports she touched at, Health Officer Doty decided to hold her for a few hours. The *Ping Suey* will dock at Woodville's Stores, Brooklyn, to-day. The steamer brings a general cargo, but one of her cargoes is 60,000 packages of tea, partly new crop. She has in addition hundreds of tons of rice crackers, mutton, tin from Singapore, rubber, curries without number and many animals. It was the intention of the agents, Messrs. Fennell & Co., to dock the vessel yesterday, but because of her immense draught the tide did not suit. The *Ping Suey* has been chartered to load grain at Philadelphia for Rotterdam, and will be the biggest vessel that ever went up the Delaware River. Philadelphia shipping men are looking forward to her coming with a great deal of interest."

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Stearns' Wine of God-Liver-Oil should be taken. The greatest of reconstructive and general tonic, consisting of GOD-LIVER OIL. Quite pleasant to the taste. Sold by all Chemists. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE WAR.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF COLONIAL GARRISONS.

HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY TO GO TO ENGLAND.

AN INDIAN REGIMENT ORDERED TO CEYLON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Colombo, January 21.

The 2nd Battalion Highland Light Infantry (Lieut. Colonel A. D. B. Rotherford commanding), now stationed in Ceylon, has been ordered to hold itself in readiness to proceed to England.

This battalion will be replaced in Ceylon by the 9th Madras Infantry now stationed at Bellary.

THE CEYLON YEOMANRY.

The Ceylon Contingent to the Imperial Yeomanry Corps, it is now definitely arranged, will sail from Colombo for South Africa on the 2nd of February.

[From enquiries made in the Colony, we learn that no information has yet been received respecting any movement of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers from the Colony, and it is deemed highly improbable that this Regiment will be moved from this station until it has served the originally-planned period of service. For many reasons it would not be deemed prudent to receive a British regiment with an Indian command at this distant outpost of the Empire. One point against the relief of a line regiment in this Colony by a regiment of the Madras command is the length of time that would be occupied in the transport of the troops. Supposing the Indian Regiment to be in a perfect state of readiness to embark it would occupy about twenty days for the troops to be transported; but it could hardly be expected that, with the present great demand for transport and other matters of detail, a regiment could leave India immediately on receipt of a wire, and the probabilities are that it would occupy the best part of a month to transport a regiment to Hongkong.—Ed. C. M.]

THE ADVANCE ON LADYSMITH.

SEVERE FIGHTING.

BOERS DRIVEN FROM POSITIONS.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
London, January 22, 6 a.m.

Telegrams from Natal report severe fighting during the last two days on the north side of the Tugela River.

Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Warren's force, with the troops under Generals Sir Francis Clery and the Hon. Neville Gerald Lytton, are advancing to the relief of Ladysmith. They have kept up a continuous attack upon the Boer army, driving it successively from three strongly entrenched positions.

The main position defended by the Boers remains unoccupied.

The British troops are making a general advance upon Ladysmith, and the report is that the Boers are being forced back.

[Elsewhere we give a short reference to Sir Charles Warren, and reproduce below references to Generals Clery and Lytton published at the time of their original appointment to South African commands.]

Major-General Sir Francis Clery, K.C.B., who has received the command of the Second Division, is 62, and was promoted to an ensign in the 32nd Foot in 1858, since which year he has served with distinction in the field as well as in the class-room. As instructor and afterwards as professor of tactics at the Royal Military College, Sir Francis earned a reputation both as a clear exponent of the art of war and as a writer of literary merit. His work 'Clery's Tactics' is a recognized text-book in Russia, America, Germany, and Italy, and has passed through several editions. General Clery's career began in the Cape in 1878 and he served during the Zulu campaign, 1879. He was brigade-major in 1882 in Egypt and chief of the staff in 1885-87, when he returned to the Staff College as commandant, and after a term of five years in that position he was appointed to the post of deputy adjutant-general of the Horse Guards. Few officers now serving have exercised a greater influence on the War Office authorities in obtaining concessions for the rank and file of the Army, and the removal of those restrictions upon the soldier. He is a bachelor, a generous supporter of military education, and popular in the ranks as well as in the service.

Lieutenant-General the Hon. Neville Gerald Lytton, C.B., who will command the 14th Brigade since 1883. He was private secretary for two years to Mr. Childers at the War Office. He served with the Tenth Expedition of 1877, and was present at Tel-el-Kebir. His staff service has been in Ireland, Gibraltar, and Burma, and he commanded the 2nd Brigade at the battle of Rorke's Drift, receiving special promotion to his present rank for distinguished service. At the Army Headquarters General Lytton has served as Assistant Adjutant-General for Mobilization, 1894-97, and latterly as Assistant Adjutant-General to the Commander-in-Chief. He received command of an infantry brigade at Aldershot, 1897. He is an excellent cricketer. His commanding figure was prominent at Westminster Abbey when he conducted his aunt, Mrs. Gladstone, to her seat at the funeral of the great statesman.—Ed. C. M.]

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER GAZETTE.

THE WAR—CAPE COLONY.

General Gatacre reports that 300 of all ranks have advanced from Bushmanshoek to Leporberg, and the 74th Field Battery and a Company of Mounted Infantry, from Sterkstroom to Bushmanshoek.

NATAL.

Reuter's Correspondent, wiring from the Camp above Potgieters Drift, says that on Monday the advance was begun; on Wednesday Col. Dundonald's Mounted Brigade, together with the Fifth Brigade under General Hart, marched from Springsfield, having previously reconnoitred all suspicious country and thoroughly scouted it. The column then reached Mount Allen, facing the enemy's position on the Tugela heights, and the South African Horse, spanning the river, felled a postern across. The enemy, who was surprised, struck his camp.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

London, 19th January, 1900.

THE WAR—REINFORCEMENTS.
Twelve batteries of Artillery and 3,710 men will embark for the Cape within a week.

MODDER RIVER.

General Methuen made another reconnaissance with all arms on the 17th inst. The Highlanders advanced from the river, and drove the enemy into the bush by long range volleys, whilst the big guns shattered the face of the enemy's position with lyddite.

NATAL.

Colonel Dundonald attacked and defeated the Boers on Wednesday at Acton Holmes, after being reinforced by General Warren. A Field Cornet and 20 Boers were killed, and fifteen captured. The British loss was two killed and two wounded. The Boer position extends for six miles westerly along a line of kopjes, and opposite to Potgieters Drift the entrenchments extend several miles back.

LADYSMITH.

London, 20th January, 1900.

Reuter's Correspondent at Rensburg says that the enemy's losses to date are reliably estimated at 6,625.

LADYSMITH.

The *Daily Mail* Correspondent at Ladysmith says the position was quiet and unchanged, with very little bombardment. Mr. Stevens, the *Daily Mail* Correspondent, has died of enteric fever at Ladysmith.

GERMAN BARQUE SEIZED.

H.M.S. *Porpoise* has seized the German barque *Marie* at Delagoa with a cargo of flour for the Transvaal Government. The barque has been conveyed to Durban.

REINFORCEMENTS.

The 8th Division has been ordered to mobilize at Aldershot immediately.

THE GERMAN SEIZURES.

Count von Buelow has informed the Reichstag that Britain has promised ample compensation and satisfaction for the recent seizures, and that no more German mail steamers will be detained on mere suspicion. Count von Buelow hoped that no repetition of incidents rendering friendly relations difficult would occur.

HAWAS SERVICE.

THE WAR.

Paris, January 16.
News from General Buller is anxiously looked for in London. The only thing certain is that Ladysmith will hold out on the 13th inst.

(Special to 'N.O. Daily News').

THE MAT SALLEH REBELLION.

Singapore, 15th January.
The North Borneo police expedition which is operating against Mat Salleh has captured two forts. Mat Salleh himself is strongly posted in a fort with thirteen hundred men armed with Snider rifles.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

London, 15th January.
Sir T. Jackson acknowledges receipt of the following subscribers to the above fund:

Already acknowledged £34,840.77
The Royal Navy, Hongkong 562
Captains and Officers of the S.S. 160
Shanghai 89,552.77

British North Borneo.

Thus with the 'Strait Times'—The *China Mail* understands that a movement has been originated from high quarters in Hongkong to enrol the services of Britishers there as a sort of irregular force to assist in the defence of the Colony. The paper reports that the services of 500 men of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers at Hongkong may be required in British North Borneo.

The Governor of the Straits Settlements is also High Commissioner for British North Borneo, and to him alone can any request for assistance be sent, and by him alone will that assistance be sent. He has telegrams from Singapore, from the Native States, or from both, but he will certainly not take Welsh Fusiliers from the Hongkong garrison any more than he will take men of the Royal Lancaster Regiment from Singapore. These are plenty of Sikhs who can do what is required in British North Borneo.

THE HANKOW-CANTON RAILWAY.

A JOURNEY CONTRADICTION.

We have the best authority (says the *N.C. Daily News*) for contradicting the statement that has been made that the American Syndicate for the construction of the Hankow-Canton railway had failed to achieve its object, and that its representative here had left China in disgust. There is no foundation for this report, which is entirely contrary to the fact.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

PEPPERON CUP COMPETITION.

This Competition, which was started in September, 1898, was finally brought to a close on Saturday afternoon, (J. Sergeant Wallace, R.E., registering his third consecutive win, and taking the Cup. The conditions under which the Cup was shot for were:—All competitors, starting from scratch, winners to be penalized 3 points for one win, 6 points for two; the Cup to be won three times. Sergeant Wallace is to be congratulated upon his consistent good shooting in having registered a win three times consecutively. Following are the best scores:—

	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000
C. S. M. Wallace, R.E.	22	24	31	37	42	48	53	58	63
Mr. J. W. W. W.	21	23	30	36	41	46	51	56	61
Mr. J. W. W. W.	20	22	29	35	40	45	50	55	60
Mr. J. W. W. W.	19	21	28	34	39	44	49	54	59
Mr. J. W. W. W.	18	20	27	33	38	43	48	53	58
Mr. J. W. W. W.	17	19	26	32	37	42	47	52	57

THE ASTOR HOUSE FIRE AT SHANGHAI.

What might have proved a most disastrous fire broke out at the Astor House last night (says the *China Gazette* of the 17th inst.). The alarm was sounded at a quarter to eleven, when flames were seen issuing from the basement of the South-west block of the hotel at the corner of the Broadway facing the Garden Bridge. The fire occurred in a cook house, dividing this portion of the building from the Astor House and spread immediately to the upper floor, which, like the basement, was used for bedroom purposes, there being five bedrooms on either floor. The hotel fortunately proved most effective, and in a very short space of time the firemen arrived and the whole of the companies got to work without the least shadow of delay. The Deluge Company's engine was posted on the Garden Bridge, the efforts of the Brigade being principally confined to preventing a spread of the conflagration to the main body of the hotel and possible contact with the other side of Broadway. Fortunately only one of the ten bed-rooms was occupied, this being by Mr. E. Dunning, whose private effects were insured in the Sun Fire Insurance Company for £500. An hour after the outbreak the firemen had the matter well under control and effectually checked the spread of the flames. They were, however, unable to save the upper storey, which was completely gutted, but the ground floor was saved, albeit considerable damage was done to furniture etc. by the fire, though water perhaps was responsible for the bulk of the damage. The Astor Hall was only slightly injured by water. It was after midnight, ere the flames were completely subdued and the general body of firemen were able to depart. The damage was not excessive and was covered by insurance. The China Fire Insurance Company are involved to the extent of £15,400 in respect of a building insured in the Royal London Assurance Co. Ltd. The S. F. D. deserve every credit for their success in stifling off a most disastrous conflagration.

GENERAL SIR CHARLES WARREN.

'WHAT BOI HE BUIS?'

In South African circles, says 'Ranger' in the *Sporting and Dramatic* there has been a considerable amount of satisfaction expressed at the appointment of Sir Charles Warren to the command of the new expedition now in course of formation. This satisfaction is not unmingled with surprise that a general officer of such great local experience should have been left so long out of a job. No man better knows how to deal with the Boers than does Sir Charles. He has lived with them and served them, fairly, when employed on a delimiting survey, as far back as 1877. They know he is a man who says but little other than what he means. If firmness of character is a virtue, the Boers are in question is a notable one. Sir Charles's admirability of his irregular forces placed at his disposal. The Diamond Field Horse were by 'One-spar Charlie,' as they dubbed him, for his simple, direct, and never too soft, more than one anecdote is told of him and his camaraderie. The following story is illustrative of the man's kindness of disposition.

In 1878, the Boers of the Orange River were in rebellion, and sought security in the rough country around the Hart's River Mountains. The Diamond Field Horse were on the march to attack the rebels. It was night, and a pitch dark night, too. One of the troops and in some way the column finally came to a halt. The Boers were 'unanimously' agreed to 'bump' the offender. Under cover of the darkness, a chosen band of Boers, two men sought the column's wagon, dragged their victim on the hardveld, when to their amazement, a voice said: 'Well, boys, if you're quite finished, please put me back in the wagon where you brought me. The voice was one they knew full well. They had mistaken the wagon, gone to the wrong one, and taken the wrong man—the wrong man being 'One-spar Charlie,' their Colonel.

WEATHER REPORT.

Observatory.

On the 22nd at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen in Japan, and is falling again over China. Pressure is high in Japan, and another depression seems to be developing over Central China. Gradients mostly slight with moderate motion in S. China and fresh to moderate E. winds; fair.

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THE RUSSIAN IN PORT ARTHUR.

The correspondent of the N.O. Daily News writes on the 16th inst.:

Tuesday last witnessed the much-talked-of and long-expected advent of Vice-Admiral Alexieff, the new Governor-General of Kwantung. His Excellency travelled from Weisung to Port Arthur on board H.L.R.M. 'Cruiser' Admiral Rodig, and arrived at the latter port late on Monday evening. Early next day the vessel was boarded by General Su-botcheff, the retiring Governor, who welcomed His Excellency to his new post. Shortly afterwards a steam launch left the vessel with the distinguished arrival on board, a salute of 13 guns being fired at the same time, and passing through the narrow and formidable entrance to the port, entered the large stone basin, and bought up at the steps fronting the residence of the Admiral of the Port. As His Excellency walked ashore he was received with a general salute by the guard of honour drawn up in line, consisting of 200 picked men from the troops stationed in the province. Thereafter he was presented by the Police-master with an address of welcome from the inhabitants of the town. Proceeding further along the basin he was met by the Chinese Tientsin, who gave him bread and salt, according to custom, and he then received another address of welcome from representatives of the foreign residents resident in Port Arthur. Finally he reached the residence of Admiral Stacker, where he was presented to a number of the leading naval and military officers. In honour of His Excellency's arrival the whole town had been gaily decorated with flags and bunting, and in the evening the place was brilliantly illuminated. Fortunately, good weather favoured what was really a noteworthy event, not only to the Russians themselves, but to all who have an interest

